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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
c/o Vistromix, Inc.
236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E.
Suite 110
Washington, DC 20002

**Re: Section 63.71 Application of RCN Telecom Services, Inc. for Authority to
Discontinue Resold Local Exchange Services in Carmel, New York**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of RCN Telecom Services, Inc., enclosed are an original and six (6) copies of its application for authority to discontinue resold local exchange services in Carmel, New York.

Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the envelope provided. Should you have any questions with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Brett Ferenczak at (202) 424-7697.

Respectfully submitted,



Russell M. Blau
Brett P. Ferenczak

Counsel for RCN Telecom Services, Inc.

Enclosure

cc Joseph Kahl (RCN)

Before the
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WCB Docket No 04-_____

SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

RCN Telecom Services, Inc. ("RCN"), through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, hereby files this application to discontinue resold local exchange services in and around Carmel, New York, as described herein. In support of this Application, RCN states as follows:

1. Applicant's name is RCN Telecom Services, Inc. Applicant's principal offices are located at 105 Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.
2. The anticipated date for the proposed discontinuance of service is March 1, 2004, or as soon thereafter as the necessary governmental approval can be obtained.
3. The proposed discontinuance of service will affect service provided to communities located in and around the town of Carmel, New York. A list of the affected service areas ("Affected Service Areas") is provided as Exhibit A, attached hereto.
4. RCN proposes to discontinue the provision of resold local exchange services in the Affected Service Areas. The proposed discontinuance of service will not affect RCN's provision of other services to customers in the State of New York.

5 RCN provided written notice to affected customers on either January 1, 2004 or January 15, 2004, in accordance with the requirements of Section 63.71(a). A copy of the customer notices is attached hereto as Exhibit B

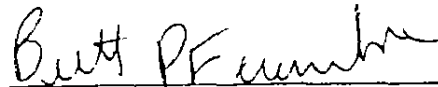
6 RCN is non-dominant with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue.

7. RCN is not seeking approval for the proposed discontinuation of resold local exchange service from any state public utility commission. RCN, however, has filed with the New York Public Service Commission a plan to exit the Carmel, New York market ("Exit Plan") In accordance with the New York Mass Migration Guidelines, RCN provided in its Exit Plan general information regarding the proposed discontinuance RCN will revise its New York intrastate services tariff, to the extent necessary, to remove resold local exchange services offered only to its customers in the Affected Service Areas RCN does not seek to amend any state or federal license it holds

8 Questions regarding this Application may be addressed to the undersigned

Respectfully submitted,

RCN Telecom Services, Inc.



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Its Counsel

Dated: January 15, 2004

Exhibit A

**LIST OF AFFECTED SERVICE AREAS
IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

<u>Franchise</u>	<u>County</u>
Town of Beekman	Dutchess
Village of Brewster	Putnam
Town of Carmel	Putnam
Town of Kent	Putnam
Town of Patterson	Putnam
Town of Pawling	Dutchess
Village of Pawling	Dutchess
Town of Putnam Valley	Putnam
Town of Somers	Westchester
Town of Southeast	Putnam

Exhibit B

CUSTOMER NOTICE LETTER



21 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY 10512

January 1, 2004

<Contact Name>
<Company Name>
<Address>
<City><State><Zip>

YOU MUST CHOOSE A NEW LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE PROVIDER BY FEBRUARY 1, 2004

Dear Valued Customer,

Please be advised that RCN Telecom Services, Inc. ("RCN") will no longer be providing your local telephone service beginning on or about March 1, 2004.

Your action is required! You must select a new local telephone provider as quickly as possible but no later than February 1, 2004. If you no longer want any local service, please contact RCN to disconnect service. If you do not select an alternative carrier by **February 1, 2004**, Verizon will automatically become your telecommunications provider. If you select an alternative provider after **February 1, 2004**, however, your choice can only be put into effect after the change to Verizon and will therefore be delayed. You might also incur additional charges.

If RCN is your current long distance provider, your service will remain with RCN. If your long distance service is provided by a carrier OTHER than RCN, your long distance service will remain with your current provider.

You have the right to select another carrier for your services consistent with the terms of your existing contract, if any. Generally, you can find a list of most local telephone service providers in your local telephone directory. If you would like Verizon to provide the same services you currently receive from RCN, you do not need to do anything. Verizon's rates, however, may differ from those of RCN. You may wish to contact Verizon to discuss the rates that would apply.

Any questions you have regarding your current services can be addressed by calling the RCN customer service department using your current toll-free number 1 866 220 7762. Any service orders or complaints you may have prior to and during the transition should be addressed to RCN. Please continue to pay your invoices to RCN in the normal timely manner until further notice.

While the New York Public Service Commission also reviews this discontinuance, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the FCC, Washington, DC 20554, referencing the \$63.71 Application of RCN Telecom Services, Inc. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

RCN has considered it a privilege to be your telecommunications service provider, and regrets any inconvenience this change may cause you.

David McKee
General Manager
RCN of Carmel



21 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY 10512

January 15, 2004

<Contact Name>
<Company Name>
<Address>
<City><State><Zip>

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VERIFICATION

On behalf of RCN Telecom Services, Inc., I hereby certify that the statements in the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of RCN Telecom Services, Inc. for Authority to Discontinue Resold Local Exchange Services in Carmel, New York are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

RCN Telecom Services, Inc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph Kahl", written in dark ink.

By: Joseph Kahl

Director of Regulatory Affairs

January 14th, 2004

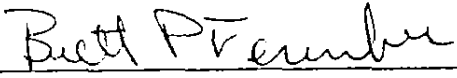
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application of RCN Telecom Services, Inc. was served this 15th day of January, 2004, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

Governor George E. Pataki
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Albany, NY 12224

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Attn: Special Asst. for Telecommunications
The Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

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